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The Honorable Richard Helms
The Director of Central Intelligence
Washington, D. C.

Dear Dick:

To complete the incident referred to in my note of June 12 and your acknowledgment of June 15, here is my "Letter to the Editor" from the July issue of the Dartmouth Alumni Magazine. Don't bother to acknowledge.

Thank you for the luncheon suggestion. Should I be in Washington one of these days, I will give you a ring.

Sincerely yours,



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"No Basis in Fact"

TO THE EDITOR:

The observations attributed to me by Drew Pearson, as reported in the 1921 class notes in the May ALUMNI MAGAZINE, have no basis in fact.

At the six Embassies where I served in the years following the establishment of the Central Intelligence Agency my CIA colleagues were sophisticated, knowledgeable, and cooperative. They contributed substantially to the success of my missions.

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The quoted statement which Mr. Briggs, retired Career Ambassador, objects to says that while he was U. S. Ambassador to

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Greece "he never knew what Central Intelligence was doing and that the CIA men had more to spend than the American Embassy."